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Juell Stewart: I would like to call this meeting to order. Welcome to the inaugural meeting of the African American Reparations Advisory Committee on June 1 2021. I want to take a moment to thank our Amelia Martinez-Bankhead and Cathy Mulkey Meyer for supporting this committee will ground each meeting with a Ramaytush Ohlone Land Acknowledgement, recognizing that the people who so stolen land we live in work have survived and still live on these lands. I invite one of our committee members to read the land acknowledgement posted in the chat. Actually, I'll read it.

We acknowledge that we are on the unceded ancestral homeland of the Ramaytush Ohlone who are the original inhabitants of the San Francisco Peninsula. As the Indigenous stewards of this land and in accordance with their traditions, the Ramaytush Ohlone have never ceded, lost nor forgotten their responsibilities as the caretakers of this place, as well as for all peoples who reside in their traditional territory. As Guests, we recognize that we benefit from living and working on their traditional homeland. We wish to pay our respects by acknowledging the Ancestors, Elders and Relatives of the Ramaytush Community and by affirming their sovereign rights as First Peoples. Director Davis.

1. WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS, AND ROLL CALL (*Action Item*)

Introduction: Shamann Walton, District 10 Supervisor and President of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors

Dr. Sheryl Evans Davis, Executive Director, San Francisco Human Rights Commission

01:41 Dr. Sheryl Davis: Thank you. So we are on item one of the agenda. And so I want to just thank everyone for joining us. And as we begin to kick off this inaugural meeting of the Reparations Advisory Committee, I want to yield the floor to President Walton to give formal introduction to recognize this committee that he has helped to organize and to launch. So thank you so much, President Walton, for your leadership and your work. And I will pass the mic to you.

02:19 President Shamann Walton: Thank you, Director Davis. And I just want to give a big thank you to you and your entire team, at the HRC for your work together through this process. And for being a vital part of getting us to where we are tonight, just first want to say thank you so much to everyone and welcome to this official and historical first meeting of the San Francisco African American Reparations Committee or as we like to refer taskforce, this is something that is as had been a long time coming and just appreciate all of you for stepping up and really want to say how fitting it is to have this first meeting during the 100th anniversary of the massacre on Black Wall Street and Tulsa, Oklahoma. And we do have two representatives of the committee that are in Tulsa right now to Tinisch Hollins and Gwen Brown. And so I can't wait to hear from them when

they returned about how this, you know massacre was commemorated 100 years later, and just appreciate them for taking the time to go down there as Black Wall Street here in San Francisco. But many of you know that we've been fighting for Reparations for decades. And we finally, finally have the opportunity to develop a real Reparations plan that will address the systemic issues that have led to the negative outcomes for Black people in the city. And also give us the opportunity to develop a Reparations package that will address the economic gaps for Black people here in San Francisco and help to build generational wealth. As you know, the Board of Supervisors passed a resolution that's set us on a path to create this Reparations Task Force. We then conducted forums and community. We started in Lakeview, in Western Addition. And as you know, the community input session period got cut short by the pandemic. But we continued within the redirection of resources from the San Francisco Police Department. A lot of those conversations about prioritizing those injustices continued during that process. These forums originally had the purpose of gauging the community's input on three things. One was a universal definition of Reparations to the areas of injustices for the Black community that needed to be addressed. We had to identify those, and three, the type of people we felt should serve on this very body. And we had some very fruitful conversations and came up with the list of who we wanted to see as individuals and obviously you applied to serve in that role, and I really want to thank you for that. After the resolution was passed, our office introduced the legislation to set up the task force. And you know, it's just important to highlight this brief history, because it lets everyone know, particularly folks who are listening, how we got here today. And so now you all have the most important and vital role of using the information that we have, and will further gain and developing a plan and source of funding to ensure Reparations for the Black community here in San Francisco. You all know, this is not a small task. And the Black community is counting on you. The Black community in the Bay Area is counting on you, the Black community and the state of California is counting on you, the Black community across this country is watching and counting on your expertise, your knowledge, and your commitment. So I want to take the time to thank each and every one of you, personally, for stepping up to serve, you have the support of my office, of course, and this Board of Supervisors, as you do the work, I just want to remind everyone that this is going to be a heavy task in front of us. And so we need to stay on task and be focused. But most importantly, we need to remain unified in this work. We don't need to let anyone or anything come between the unity of this Reparations Task Force, we need you all working strong in a unified front with a unified voice. And you know, this, this, this Reparations planning package is really the future of the Black community here in San Francisco, San Francisco, and it is in your hands, no pressure. But that is the reality. And we just need to really get out there, make history and just get into some good trouble together. And the last thing I'll just say, I know we fought for Reparations for decades, and fought to even get to this point. And it's been challenging to overcome all the obstacles, all of the backbiting, all of the misinformation that people have gotten for years and all of the back and forth conversations about whether it's deserved or achievable. We know it's achievable because it's been achieved for our

Native American community. Not that they received everything that they're owed, but they definitely have received some form of Reparations. It has been achieved by our Japanese brothers and sisters as they have received some form of Reparations. And so it's only fitting that we as a people receive our Reparations. And we're going to do it here and make history first and San Francisco to a larger degree than what we've seen in other areas across the country. So thank you, Dr. Brown, for your fight and your leadership and your focus over the over the years. And thank you everyone, for being here and being prepared and ready to serve. Thank you, Dr. Davis.

08:05 Dr. Davis: Thank you, President Walton again, for your tenacity, persistence, and for working I know, Reverend Brown was, you know, laying the groundwork and doing all of this to get us going. And so thank you for picking up the baton and continuing to work. So we are now at the place where we want to do introductions and roll call. So what I will do is I will pull up the slide just so folks can see the seats and then we'll go through the seats. And you all bear with me that the teacher in me is terrified, because I know I'm gonna mess somebody's name up. And then your mom is gonna call me later and say, that is not how you pronounce my child's name, but we're gonna we're gonna work through that. And so we will start here just with the committee members. For folks that are watching, the advisory committee shall consist of 15 voting members appointed by the Board of Supervisors. And so President Walton has already mentioned that process.

We are doing this as introductions, but we are also considering this roll call. So Juell will be taking roll as we go through the process, and calling the names. So we'll go through and call the names here, and then we'll go through and talk about what each seat is.

Present: James Lance Taylor, Tinish Hollins, Eric McDonnell, Rev. Amos Brown, Nikcole Cunningham, Gloria Berry, Daniel Landry, Gwendolyn Brown, Starr Williams, Shakeyla O'Cain, Yolanda Harris, Tiffany Walker-Carter, Laticia Erving, Anietie Ekanem

Absent: Omerede Hamilton (arrived at the meeting following roll call)

14 members present, quorum achieved, meeting is called to order.

Dr. Davis: Seat one shall be held by a person who works for a media outlet that principally serves the African American community is a storyteller of African American stories, or as a historian with expertise in African American history. Mr. Taylor,

11:59 James Lance Taylor: I'll just say I'm glad to be a part of this of this. Last month, I wrote for the San Francisco Historical Society, pretty much the history of slavery in California, and history of California, which is grounded in slavery. So if you want to see some of the writing I've done on it.

Just recently, this is a piece done here in a city. Real quickly, a book I sent to President Walton and would recommend to any committee member looking for good academic objective study does not sort of loaded with etiology, but just informs about the issues of Reparations. So this is the best book, you probably can get on the topic, I would recommend I can put it in the analysis. And finally, I just want to remind us that the Reparations is depicted as this radical notion of radical idea. And maybe it's become that, but we should be clear that the first idea of Black people who have in America other than going back to Africa, and then getting free was Reparations. The first political policy Black people ever advocated in their lives, as the group was the policy of Reparations, 40 acres in the mule, we later focused on integration and that took over the focus of our struggle, but be clear, Originally, it was 40 acres in a mule so we can stop develop here in America and, and I'll stop there.

13:24 Dr. Davis: Thank you, Professor Taylor. Um, seat two shall be held by a person who has been displaced from San Francisco due to gentrification, this member shall not be required to reside in the City and County during their participation on the advisory committee, Tinisch Hollins.

13:42 Tinisch Hollins: Thank you Dr. Davis. Good evening, everyone. I'm Tinisch Hollins. I'm a San Mateo County resident, but I'm a San Francisco native Bayview Hunters Point. I'm so honored to be joining all of you on this task force. As a representative of SF Black Wall Street. And as someone in the community has been passionate about making sure that Black folks get to stay in San Francisco get to return to San Francisco, get to access re access resources, and be part of generating the wealth, that San Francisco that that Black folks quite frankly, help establish, including the city of San Francisco. I'm honored to be joining you guys for this first meeting tonight from Tulsa, Oklahoma. My sister Gwendolyn Brown and I have been here on behalf of the rest of our founding members of as a Black Wall Street and of course, on behalf of the members of this task force, representing San Francisco and to be in a place where Black folks were terrorized and forcibly displaced from their community. There's a lot of significance in us being here in this moment, and starting this conversation here today. So we're honored to be a part of it. I'm honored to be here. Thank you so much.

14:54 Dr. Davis: Thank you and then I just want to go back because maybe some folks missed it. I did call Tiffany Walker Carter, but it was during the time when we were trying to figure out the sound. So I thought it was Tiffany that responded, but maybe it was somebody else but Juell did you get the Tiffany Carter? Tiffany Carter is here. Yes, I did. Thank you. Thank you. Seat three shall be held by an individual with expertise in private equity, venture capital or fundraising in the financial industry. Mr. McDonald.

15:33 Eric McDonald: Thank you, Dr. Davis. Good evening, everyone. Eric McDonald, native San Francisco grew up in Fillmore, SF USD City College, University of San Francisco, and really honored to be joining in this historic moment, continuing got pumped up years of hard work, labor, sweat, blood equity, tears, sometimes death to ensure that we could create opportunities like this for Reparations. And so I am pleased to be here. Thank you.

16:01 Dr. Davis: Thank you. seat for shall be held by an individual. Oh, I don't know if they wanted us to say all that shall be held by an individual who is 65 years of age or older who has lived in a predominantly African American community. But I think, Reverend Brown, we all know that he is over 65. So I don't think that's a secret. Right. Reverend Brown?

16:24 Reverend Amos Brown: It is and I'm proud of it.

16:31 Dr. Davis: That's right. Did you want to say anything? Reverend Brown, introduce yourself. I know, we all know you.

16:35 Rev. Brown: Well, I'm just just a member of the team loves family. But let me say something being that I'm a history buff that, in actuality, when we think reparation in these parts. The one person whom I'm aware of who has over 45 years, been tooting the Horn of Reparations, is still alive. She's 97 years old, Miss Marie Davis, who's President emeritus of the San Mateo branch of NAACP. And as President Shamann Walton reference the NAACP is humbled and proud that we continue this Miss Davis's voice. And we presented it to the Board, the notion that idea that we will revive what Miss Davis had been out in the wilderness, crying for over 50 years. And I'm just here to make sure that we all realize that as Mississippian, as a Mississippian, out to know a whole lot about the pain of oppression, and outright evil. Mississippi had more lynchings from 1885 to 1968. That any state in the United States of America to be exact 581, including that brutal lynching of available, Emmitt Till. So in Mississippi, they also say, if you want to plow successfully, as a farmer, you have mules to pull the plow. You never team up to young mules by themselves to the plow. Neither do you team up to old mules all by themselves. But you always team up and all Newland a young new if you're going to have a straight role, and a successful crop. So since I'm that 80 year old mule, I'll be it as to buttress and support you young mules. For God's sake, we're not going to plow this field by ourselves. It has to be a dream team effort. And we're going to bring something forth to the world that they would have to take note of and like Nike says, just do it and stop talking about it. But what the Redevelopment Agency did to us, we don't go back to slavery. Go back to 1948 to Justin Herman, to Alioto, it was not about urban renewal, but it was about Black removal. And that's why to this day and I cut all right here. That corner of Ellis and Fillmore belongs to Black hands. Or else it becomes sacrilegious and contradictory for us to talk about what happened in Greenwood. In Greenwood. They had only one block that was left out of 45. And in

San Francisco, you look at what happened to the Harlem or the West and the Fillmore, we have only one block where there's a Black presence and that is that Heritage Building. And my one little voice is going to be as a part of this Reparations ask. If we're going to be on the cutting edge and what is right, honorable justice and fast, that belongs to Black folks. So we will have our own watering hole in this city of St. Francis. Thank you very much, I didn't mean to say all that but God bless you. Good to see you all.

20:53 Dr. Davis: Thank you, Reverend Brown. And I just want to remind everyone, we only have one 80 year old mule, and so only the 80 year old gets to take liberty and take a little extra time. So seat five shall be held by an individual who has been incarcerated. Omarede Rico Hamilton. And so Juell, Rico has joined us.

21:18 Omerede Rico Hamilton: Thank you, Director Davis and President Walton. Just an honor and a privilege to be here. I'm not only someone who's been previously incarcerated, but I'm also a native to San Francisco and continue to live here in San Francisco in my community, I'm just honored to be able to be able to be able to be a part of something that I can push equity forward and not just create equitable opportunities, but to create pipelines for our community where we can actually see the equity to our community and to our young folks.

21:52 Dr. Davis: Thank you, Rico, seats six shall be held by an individual who has experienced discrimination in the workplace, Nikcole Cunningham.

22:01 Nikcole Cunningham: A thank you all unfortunately, yes, I do make the cut based on discrimination. I'm a City and County employee. And I like to just thank President Walton for choosing this Board, but definitely choosing myself, I really appreciate that I feel this is an honor to be amongst some amazing people to do some amazing work. I am really, I'm really honored, like to be part of this body, and to do some real serious work and some changes for not just San Francisco, but hopefully this will be the blueprint for the nation. Right. I do currently have a lawsuit against the city. You know how they have the fight, flight and freeze. All I know is Fight, fight and fight. That's it. There is no freeze, there is no flight. And so um, we are worth fighting for as Black people. I am also a native, I believe I actually know Eric McDonald. As a CEO. I lived in the Banneker homes for 18 years. And I see your face, you look very familiar. So it's nice to see people who, I know Rico from way back then too. So it's grateful to be a part of, again, this group, and I'm so excited to do this work. And to be amongst you, all. Those of you who I've been, I've met finally, since COVID, has lifted up a little bit out in the street protesting or celebrating or some form of gathering. So it's been nice to see most of you. And I'm glad to be here. And I'm here to learn as well as to share. So thank you for having me.

23:38 **Dr. Davis:** Thank you and thanks for pointing out that there are some folks that are here that have been here their whole lives, or at least the good majority of it. So I think that that's the blessing. Seat seven shall be held by an individual who has experienced or is experiencing homelessness. Gloria Berry.

23:59 **Gloria Berry:** I thank you everyone. I'm also honored to be appointed to this body. Yes, I am filling the previously homeless seat even though to this day I have housing insecurity. I was born here in the city and '69 after 18 years, my family was evicted out of the Fillmore so that they could turn our building into condominiums. I also was evicted off the Presidio Army base because my husband was in the Navy at the time. And I tried to spend the night in Next Door Shelter and another shelter and I spent nine months in transitional housing on Treasure Island before I got apartment in the Bayview District. I just wanted to say that San Francisco systems always give the promise of the trickle down. But I'm here excited to contribute to a Reparations plan that touches the lives of all Black people in San Francisco. Thank you.

25:03 **Dr. Davis:** Thank you, Ms. Barry. Seat eight shall be held by an individual with expertise in the impact of redevelopment activities in the Fillmore district in the western addition on Black communities, Mr. Landry, how are you? Doing fine.

25:20 **Daniel Landry:** Thank you, everyone. And I am also honored. And just really touch to be a part of this distinguished panel of great representation. The passion is already there. And I know a lot of you and I've seen the work over the years, and I think this is a timely. So thank you. Yeah. Thank you, everyone. Thank you, President. Congratulations, Ms. Davis, Dr. Davis. And I just want to say, you know, I was born and raised here in the Fillmore area, and in (unintelligible), and I experience and dealt with the crushing blows of the San Francisco Redevelopment Agency. And as a little boy, I did not understand why my mother used to tell me in the 60s and 70s. Today that we have too much distortion. And now looking back, I see that, from that moment that I was being prepared for a moment like this, to share my experiences with others to listen and to learn from others, as we take on this serious Task Force duty. So I'm just ready to work. I'm just really humbled by this opportunity. And it makes me think about all the Reparations (unintelligible).

27:19 **Dr. Davis:** Okay, thank you, Daniel. I turned the video off because your bandwidth was a little bit funky. But thank you, we appreciate it. We heard the most of what you were saying. Seat nine shall be held by an individual with experience as a small business owner principally serving the African American community. Tiffany Walker-Carter.

27:51 **Tiffany Walker-Carter:** Hello, everyone. I am Tiffany Carter. I am a San Francisco native born and raised in the Bayview district. I am beyond honored to sit on this seat. And I look forward to

doing the work to bring economic justice to our community, and to make history for Black people throughout America. And really set a tone for what we do in San Francisco. So I'm thankful to the supervisor for the nomination, Shamann Walton. Dr. Davis for all your leadership and everything you guys are doing. And like I said, Thank you. Thanks, Tiffany. I'm also a co founder of Black Wall Street.

28:33 Dr. Davis: Thank you. Seat 10 shall be held by a person who is employed by or in a leadership position in a charitable social service or religious organization serving the African American community. Gwen Brown.

28:48 Gwendolyn Brown: Good evening, everybody my name is Gwendolyn Brown. I'm the executive director of Inner City Youth, manage the OMI Job center and some youth programming in the OMI. I am very honored to be here tonight. I'm currently in Tulsa, Oklahoma, for the commemoration of the Black Wall Street. I'm just going to read an excerpt really quick. So we came to Tulsa to pay homage to our ancestors and be inspired by the efforts to reconcile the harm done to Greenwood 100 years ago. What we see here is devastating and triggering. The city of Tulsa and US government has failed to deliver justice and reinvest in grievance economy. There is no thriving Black, economic or cultural space in this city. They experienced genocide through performative acknowledgments and lack of investment. What we believe is that Black lives matter when our economic status matches our contributions. For those reasons. I'm honored to be here on the Reparations taskforce. Because too much of what I just said we can relate to in San Francisco and I am obligated and excited to be able to change that narrative for the future in the legacy of Black San Francisco.

30:06 Dr. Davis: Thank you very much. Thank you Gwen. Seat 11 shall be held by a person who works in the technology industry with experience in the field of technological equity, Anietie Ekanem.

30:19 Anietie Ekanem Thank you so much. I want to appreciate you and say thank you, Dr. Davis. Thank you, President Walton and of course, Mayor Breed for putting this forward. All around. I started my career actually in with a company called Wireless Africa where we actually went in and actually put in wireless to different parts of Africa, I had the opportunity to watch Maasai warriors walk down the street, with cell phones in hand in full gear, having conversations that they would never have before. And it was part of their economic success, to have that level of communication. So that's where I can't, where I come from. And then when I came back, I actually lived in Oakland. And I decided, this was a almost two decades ago, to put in wireless implementations in different parts of Oakland in West Oakland, specifically, many people said, many government folks said, those people aren't going to want it. Now, no, I said, No, they want to be able to communicate,

they just don't want you because you're not relevant to the conversation over our lives. And so for me, it's really important to be part of this conversation to help define our goals. And they really quantify the loss because a lot of times people don't sort of put that out there. I'm not afraid to say if we sort of do the math and crunched the numbers, that we've lost two or \$3 trillion over the over this time, so that when we come back and talk about Reparations, it's within a true framework of what our real loss is what however, we quantify that. So I will not be part of a conversation with anyone where they say, Oh, \$1, \$2 billion dollars, \$10 billion, whatever else, that just sounds like a lot. My answer is, that's not a lot. What's a lot is 2 to 3 trillion that our people have lost here, that you've gained, and you put in your own pockets. So for me being able to quantify that with all of you, our goals, what that looks like, and be able to push this forward in ways that people haven't seen before. That's what really excites me. So I really thank you all. And I'm really proud to be part of this today. Thank you.

32:22 Dr. Davis: Seat 12 shall be held by a person who is between the ages of 14 and 24, inclusive with experience working with community groups serving the African American community. Ms. Starr Williams.

32:35 Starr Williams: Hi, everyone, I'm 16 years old. I'm a Junior in high school. And I volunteered with Code Tenderloin since last year in April, when the pandemic started. Because like, a lot, I related to a lot of these people that I serve because I've been homeless I lived on. When in Summer 2017, or something like that, I lived on my Mom's Godmother's house, I mean, couch. I lived in transitional housing more than one time. So like I wanted to serve those people. But let me talk about the reparation community. And I'm glad for the people that created this. And given the opportunity for us to give back Reparations to the San Francisco residents. And because like San Francisco, Black residents have been through a lot of stuff. My mom told me stories of redevelopment of how they tear down. They tear down all the people's Black people's houses and businesses and basically tried to urbanize it. And so it really does inspire me to join this committee so I can be able to so my generation all everybody else can build wealth and also not face oppression in San Francisco ever again, based on those topics. And yeah, thank you.

33:56 Dr. Davis: Thank you Star. Seat 13 shall be held by person representing the sector served by the Office of Economic and Workforce Development, construction, building and trades, hospitality and medical sectors, with experience working in predominantly African American communities. Shakeyla O'Cain

34:18 Shakeyla O'Cain: Hello, everyone. My name is Shakeyla O'Cain and my pronouns are she and her. I'm a native San Franciscan from Bayview Hunters Point. Just some best story about me my Great-Grandparents, as well as my grandparents, they were a part of the Great Migration. And

they've been in the Bayview area, Hunter's point, Lakeview and Sunnydale and I'm just super honored to be a part of this Board. My grandmother said when she was 16, she heard a talk about Reparations. So just to be here with you all and doing the work. I'm so super excited and I'm delighted that I'm here to learn and I'm definitely ready to do the work and I work over at Third Street Youth Center Clinic working with young people experiencing homelessness from 18 to 28.

35:00 Dr. Davis: Thank you Shakeyla, you should have told me earlier you don't be because I'll keep going into my mind I'll get it wrong for life just like I keep doing with this with Laticia. I'm always like, which one is it? But thank you so great to have you in your voice here. Shout out to Joi and Third Street. Seat 14 shall be held by an individual with experience as a parent or caregiver of a child or children experiencing barriers to or disparate treatment and education. Laticia Erving.

35:31 Laticia Erving: Greetings everyone, and that is correct. Dr. Davis. Laticia Erving, you did it. I'm a proud resident of the Bayview Hunters Point born and raised my entire life left for a little while and came back. I have the honor of being a parent of two children, one biologically and the other by love that I've raised and three months old. Of the many titles I've held that is the most important title. As a parent or Auntie, cousin, sister, friend and community member and a parent educator within the San Francisco Unified School District for the last 21 years, I have continuously fought to obtain adequate and timely resources not just for my children, but for Black babies across San Francisco. It is my pleasure to hold seat 14 though I'm an individual filling this seat along with the many members here, this is a community seat. And I am here to represent all of your voices all of our voices. To quote Sister Tinisch when we first were appointed to these seats, she said "May the ancestors be pleased with our efforts." And as I said in response to the end, and I feel great, and at grace when I say this now, it is an honor and it is a heavy duty. It's a duty that I'm ready for and I'm grateful for, but I understand that is heavy. So I'm looking forward to working alongside all of you and with our community and I am very, very grateful and appreciative for this opportunity.

36:49 Dr. Davis: Thank you so much, Laticia, and seat 15 shall be held by an individual who has lived or is currently living in public housing. And so Yolanda Harris is our seat 15 the last seat on this body.

37:07 Yolanda Harris: Good afternoon, Dr. Davis, congratulations to Supervisor, President Supervisor Walton. I'm just honored to be here standing under God's grace standing on the shoulders of our ancestors, with my fellow colleagues in San Franciscans continuing the work of accessing housing and moving forward for our community for the African American community. I have more than 25 years of experience working with our community mentors accessing housing, helping them maintain their housing in public housing, private markets and other homeownership opportunities. I've also been an adult residential home provider for foster kids and

developmentally disabled adults. Many of my peers along with myself and five generations, my families have had housing challenges. For as far back as I can remember, as long back as my grandparents migrated from Louisiana, to help bring other family members here, I've watched him bring in people to help house them until they were able to get their own housing. I've continued that work personally and professionally. And I look forward to continuing this work with you all. And I thank you for this opportunity.

38:25 Dr. Davis: Thank you so much. So welcome to you all. I just have to say I don't know President Walter about you. But I just I like just moved listening to your stories. I am encouraged and excited about the potential of this group. And then for me, it is also very real. Reverend Brown, earlier today. I was listening to I was looking up some music and I came across Nina Simone's Mississippi Goddamn, you know, it's so, so much of what we are talking about is rooted in what you started us off with. And I recently came back from Texas visiting family. And we're in this weird space. You know, there's a space where family came, but that family was pushed out. Right? They didn't own it. Right. And so it's so very real so also as Tinisch and Gwen are sharing, you know, but the reality of it all, is that it has happened and it continues to happen, as Reverend Brown said with Redevelopment Agency and eminent domain and all the folks that lost their housing, and never was anything even How long did it take, 40 years, for them to even put up the Heritage Center. And it sat empty all that year. So you know, so much to look forward to, and I'm so hopeful for this group. So thank you all for being here. Juell, do you want to call the next item?

2. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA *(Discussion Item)*

Members of the public may address the Advisory Committee on matters that are within the Reparations jurisdiction and are not on today's agenda.

39:47 Juell Stewart: Yes. So we officially have quorum, so we can start the meeting. And public comment will be available on each item on this agenda. For those who are calling in on a phone, please mute yourself. While you're not speaking, anyone who's not appointed by the Board of Supervisors, to the full working group will have their video and chat disabled. Public comment will be two minutes for each speaker, I'm going to time you, please use the raise hand icon at the bottom of the screen to indicate that you would like to speak.

And the first item of the agenda is General Public Comments. So members of the public can adjust the Commission on matters that are in within the jurisdiction. And would any members of the public like to comment on items on today, not on today's agenda, please use the raise hand symbol, as I said, and I will look and see if anybody if anybody wants to make any comments now. Thanks.

40:56 Captain Williams: Yes. First of all, I want to thank everyone for volunteering for this very important position. And at the same time, when we're thinking in terms of reparation, I hope that we're also thinking in terms of asking the State of California to make it so that Black people do not have to pay state taxes. That is one form of reparation, I think that should be considered, and also reduction in the amount of liability we have for our Federal taxes. So I hope that is something that will be considered at a later date during your conversations. Thank you.

41:48 Virginia Marshall: Thank you so much. I'm starving to space where I can't really talk. In any event on to Dr. Davis, President Walton and all those assembled for this first historic day of the reparation committee hearing in San Francisco. I'm very proud of all your stories here about you, when many of you I know of course already. We're looking forward to San Francisco making history. And that will get finally Reparations for African Americans who have been disenfranchised here in San Francisco. As a daughter of a farmer in West Tennessee, I know that Reparations work because of the tenacity of a neighbor, who kept going to Washington DC to make sure the farmers in West Tennessee got their just desserts. My dad unfortunately passed before he received this reparation. My mother benefited from it. So thank you for the work. whatever we can do to help, please let us know. Thank you. May God bless each of you. Good day.

43:08 Phelicia Jones: Good evening, everybody. I just want to say you know, I'm really elated to be here to see all of you. And to just give you know, my... I'm just so thankful that you are here. But also I want to say that just keep in mind that this is a long haul. And Black San Franciscans are depending on you to do the work. And again, you know, we are grateful and thankful for the opportunity to for you to study on the issue of Reparations, and then make recommendations for recommend for recommendations of Reparations for Black San Franciscans. I also would like to invite all of you to come and join us on June 17, for our kickoff rally for Juneteenth, Juneteenth, is it a celebration? Or is it a continuous fight for freedom? Are we really free? It'd be held at the front steps of City Hall from 12pm to 3pm. And we would love to introduce you to the rest of the community. Thank you.

44:24 Jamil Patterson: I would like to congratulate everybody who was selected. And I like to pray that the ancestors guide everybody collectively on this journey. And what I would like to recommend is that a pay land and buildings are important. So with that said, I'd like you know, the Heritage Center to be thought about as Reparations as well, and I have faith in you so, God bless you.

45:17 Reverend Angela Brown: Good afternoon, I'm Reverend Angela Brown. I'm the Chair of the social action committee for the San Francisco alumni chapter of Delta Sigma Theta. And I just want to congratulate all of you for being selected, and I want to offer the support of the chapter, we will

be the boots on the ground for any work that you need done. And I just want to acknowledge Dr. Sheryl Davis and Supervisor Shamann Walton as President of the Board of finally getting this going. I've been a long resident of San Francisco and thought this day would never come. So this is truly a day to be proud of. And like I said, you have our full support. Thank you so much, and God be with you.

46:28 Alicia Mayo: Good afternoon and congratulations to all the task force members, especially Reverend Dr. Amos Brown, who grew up with my family in Jackson, Mississippi, I'm proud to be a Black San Franciscan, I'm even more proud to be a Black media content distributor. I've been streaming all day sitting here in my bedroom, live streaming this historic, these historic moments for California. And for the bay area here, San Francisco. We're making history with all of this. And if I don't see tomorrow, at least generations, after me will be able to see this history being made through my media platform, which is Clarity Media. I've come from corporate media, to tell our stories, to share our narratives, and to really celebrate our cultural currency as we change the way our children will live. I just appreciate being here with all of you moved, and I will do my best to continue to stream the stories and our history as it happens with all of you. Thank you.

47:54 G.L. Hodge: I would like to say, thank you, thank San Francisco, for waking up and making this dream come true. Reverend Brown has been preaching, talk and walk and shouting, Reparations. And I really want the Board to know how serious this is. Most people of another color does not want us to have anything. And they're going to throw stones and rocks at us while we're trying to take care of this fight. But we need to make sure we're prayed up. We're ready for the fight. And this is not going to be two years, three years or four years. We're going to have to fight to get this but it will happen. And I will be praying for you and offering my help in any way that I can. God bless. Thank you.

49:02 Gina Fromer: Hi, everybody, Gina Fromer. Sixth Generation, San Franciscan, I am just truly honored that this body has come together. We've been fighting for this long time many of us know our own individual worlds trying to make this happen. And I just feel so empowered tonight that all 14 of you are standing on the shoulders of so many others, and that you represent 1000s that are going to be dependent on you to really stand up and fight for what's right. We're out here fighting with you thinking with you, praying with you. And I just wanted to uplift everyone here. What you do today is definitely going to impact our tomorrow. Always believe Reparations is all about compensation. I think about all my grandmother's who didn't have the opportunity to go to college because of racism because of redlining, all the other things that kept them down. And it's time for our children have the opportunity. So I really, really appreciate all of you and I just just know that we're all here praying for you and walking with you on this journey. Thank you.

50:23 Joi Jackson-Morgan: Hi, everyone. I'm Joi Jackson-Morgan, Executive Director at Third Street Youth Center and Clinic. I love seeing all my people here I got a lot of familiar faces. Super proud of everyone, especially as a San Francisco native. One thing that I would like y'all to consider is universal basic income for Black people in San Francisco, give everyone a check. That's just easy, quick, making sure that our people are taken care of. So looking forward to anything that you all might need any type of support. I'm here, and I'm so proud of you all. Thank you.

51:04 Jo Jackson: Hi, I want to congratulate all of you, I want to congratulate and thank the leadership, President Shamann Walton, Sheryl Davis, Executive Director. You are so phenomenal, Reverend Brown, all of you are so phenomenal. I want to thank you for your service and your care too, as Black people. I'm a native San Franciscan, I'm almost 65. And I'm kind of shaking in the power of this. And the hope that this gives me this is a step towards society treating us Black folks as human. And bringing acknowledgement, apology and repair to all of the traumas that we continue day by day, still, that we endure the traumas we still endure in our lifetimes. Please consider free education and college, no student loan repayment. I agree with all of the other speakers that have given their words, their prayers, their hope, and, and their recommendations as well. I keep you in prayer. God bless you all. And I thank you all so much.

52:33 Frederick Martin: Um, I just want to say thank all of you for all of the work that you do. And for being on this committee and doing what you do, I know it's gonna be successful. I can't believe it, either. I've got to meet some of you recently, through this process, and I'm amazed, I'm amazed. This is what our ancestors, you know, in our foremothers, and forefathers wanted, so it's just, um, it's a blessing and an honor to be looking at y'all, and hearing what you saying. So just, you know, do the good work, I've been working as a housing organizer with senior and disability action. And, um, you know, it's, it's our elders, and y'all know, in our family, but specifically, the people I've been working with, are really supporting you. And they have, they have a lot, a lot to give and a lot to say. So I'm looking forward to this process being that the focus of what I do was on housing, you know, I mean, we've been waiting for this for a long time, and a lot of us have had to, you know, suffer. We should be staying in Pacific Heights, you know what I'm saying? Because we've helped build a lot of that wealth. So I'm really, just really, really glad that this is happening. And my prayers and everything is with y'all. Thank you.

54:15 Board of Education Commissioner Alison Collins: Hi, everyone. Thank you. I just again, I want to reiterate what everyone's saying very grateful to all the leaders that are represented in this virtual space. And wanted to say just that I'm here to be a partner. Reparations takes a lot of forms. And I know we've you know, citywide, but as a school district, we also owe Black San Francisco Reparations as far as the access and equity in an education that we've offered. And we are currently working on an equity audit with some folks in this room and I want you all to know

about that. We want to do an accounting of what happening within our district and be accountable, district wide, but also want to just say that I'm a partner, both as a commissioner and as a community member, to supporting the work of this important commission. Thank you.

55:14 Juell Stewart: Thank you. And we had one, one comment director in the Q&A, which is how will Black and African immigrants whose history isn't directly tied to the African American experience being included in the movement?

55:30 Dr. Davis: Thank you, Juelle. And just as again, we'll make sure to get everyone in the links to be able to do the Sunshine, Brown Act, and all of those things, things like this, a question that comes up, that's not been agenda is something that we can save for a future meeting, we wouldn't be able to necessarily respond to it at this point in time, since it's not on the agenda. And these were items, public comment items for things not in the agenda, which means that we would talk about them at a later date. So thank you for that question. And we will make sure to include that in one of our future agendas. And it is something for folks to be thinking about. And we can always circle back with President Walton. But I think that this idea and notion, there are some of the things that we'll unpack as we go through this, people have asked questions about, is it just carte blanche, any Black person in San Francisco? Is it Black people that have been in San Francisco for X amount of years or X amount of minutes? Like? Do you just get to come from across the bay and say, now I'm going to be able to take part. So there's a lot to unpack as we talk about the plan. It's not just about whether it's education, or guaranteed income, or housing, it is about the whole of it all? And those are some questions that early on, people were asking, so something for us to be thinking about as you move through the process. Thank you all for public comment.

57:01 Dr. Cedric Jackson: Hello, everybody. My name is Dr. Cedric Jackson. I'm the President of the Black Leadership Forum. And I would like to congratulate all of you on this very, very important work. I don't want to take a lot of time. But I would like to add a perspective that I think we need to move forward with, as we understand the opposition to Reparations, the white establishment pushed a pseudo science that said that we were not human. We were 5/8th human. And I and I'm sure all of you understand that. But I say this because it creates an important distinction. When you hear other minorities talking about we've had a just as bad as you have. They were looked at as inferior humans, but they were not looked at as animals. We were like the white man's best friend, we were his dog, if we showed any, any obedience, any any insolence any aggression or anger towards him, we were beat into submission, or we were eliminated. The white man thinks of us as his property that has turned on him now. And he is reacting to it. As such, he does not see us still as human beings, he sees us as property. It's almost like the dog has turned into a cat. What happens when a dog turns into a cat, and it's no longer blindly obedient. It's merit based. It says you treat me the way you want me to treat you. You rub a cat, a cat will purr, you do something bad to it, it'll

scratch you. We have to understand the mentality that this establishment sees us. And as we go forward with Reparations, and the first thing we need to say, as they said during the Civil Rights Movement, is I am somebody I am a human being. I am not your dog. I am not your little child that you sit up and get mad at when I say I don't need your determination or your direction. I need my own. Thank you guys for listening to me. And I think it's an important distinction that we have to think about. God bless you guys. You guys are kicking butt excuse me on a Sunday.

59:59 **Dr. Davis:** Thank you. I think it's Tuesday. So you don't have to be excused for Tuesday. Okay, I'm sorry.

1:00:07 **Dr. Cedric Jackson:** You see where I am. But I just want to leave you with what happens when dogs turn the cats.

1:00:20 **Juell Stewart:** I know. all right. Thank you. We have an agreement from Frederick Martin in the Q&A. Thank you. And then from Linda Parker - Pennington, just wanted to thank you all and say that SF Black and Jewish unity group supports you. Thanks a lot. And are there any other members of the public who would like to provide testimony? Seeing none public testimony is now closed?

3. EXPECTATIONS AND THE STRUCTURE OF THE AFRICAN AMERICAN REPARATIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE *(Action Item)*

Public Comment

Juell Stewart: We'll go on to the next item of the agenda, which is the expectations and the structure of the African American Reparations Advisory Committee. And I'll pass it on to Director Davis.

1:01:01 **Dr. Davis:** Thank you Juell. Cathy, do you want to bring up that? We'll go through a few of these just wanted to kind of remind folks of the work of this committee, the purpose of the Advisory Committee is to advise the Board of Supervisors. So I just want to make that distinction. We, we don't have money that we're going to be actually giving out, we are here to advise the Board of Supervisors, the Mayor, the Human Rights Commission, and the public on the development of a plan. So we are coming up with the recommendations, we're coming up with ideas and strategies to be shared. And then part of why you all are on here is to really help make sure that we are chronicling the legacy of the American chattel slavery, post Civil War government, sanctioned discrimination against African Americans. Really trying to unearth and unpack what's happened in the city, as well as the National landscape and understanding the descendants. And I think the other piece for us as we go through this is going to be really important, some of what was

brought up in both public comment. But as we go through this process, is we may count, and what are the responses for folks who say, Well, you know, slavery was hundreds of years ago, this didn't impact me or I didn't have slaves. So we need to be able to have this conversation about the enslaved and their descendants, right? The impact understanding and making that connection to that work. The scope of eligibility, which we talked about before, who can be who's going to be able to access the Reparations, right? So who's eligible? How far will that go? What will that look like? And then who has been wronged? Or who continues to suffer harm from past wrongs? And what are we trying to do with the Reparations to close the racial wealth gaps, address ongoing discrimination, and really address the anti Black prejudice and inequities? Again, a lot of this, we heard through the, through the comments from the public, as well as some of your remarks when you introduce yourselves. We want to improve education, housing workforce, but also addressing the violence, health disparities, over criminalization experienced by Black folks. And then we want to really examine the current and historic structural discrimination within the City and County of San Francisco. So we want to make sure that as we do this, we don't lose sight of the local context of this not just looking at the National and historic model from slavery, but also the impacts of that, from the folks who came to San Francisco who came to California looking for a better life only to experience the same discrimination and disparities. So the powers and duties So ultimately, the advisory committee shall have the power and duty to advise the Boards we talked about, and the public, and to help adopt and implement a plan, right, so we're developing this, we're going to give it to the Board, and then the Board would implement an adopted hopefully. So a couple of things to make note of, and we'll talk about this more when we get into the calendar, a timeline, but six months from now, right? By no later than six months after its inaugural meeting. So Today is June 1. So by December six months from now, we need to have a report summarizing the research, the outreach, and other efforts. So again, as we think about the role that each person is going to have here, the expectation is that you are going to help with research you're going to help with outreach, and other efforts to help inform this process. And then we're going to put a report that really act outlines and documents how we're engaging with not just this body, but the wider city. The wider member collective of Black folks in the city. 18 months we'll have a draft plan, so A year would be next June. So by next December 2022, we will have the draft plan to go to. Yes, we will share it via email. So again, those are our first kind of markers six months with a report, which is documenting what we've done, summarizing what we've done thus far, 18 months of draft plans. Again, it's it's not going to all be done in these monthly meetings. So for folks to really understand there's an expectation that we come to the monthly meeting. But there's also an expectation that some of this work is going to happen outside of the monthly meetings. And then 24 months, no later than 24 months. So by 2023, we are supposed to have, June of 2023, we are supposed to have a final plan. And that final plan is supposed to be the revised revision of the draft plan that we do with the 18 month marker. And that final plan should be accompanied by resolution. So we would have to again, work with President Walton to accept the final plan. And the Board may act on the

resolution to accept, reject or modify the final plan, but that those are the deliverables. Those are the expectations. That is really the structure of where we are as we kind of move through this process. I think what's the next one? Cathy? Let's see. So we'll stop there. That is the that is number two on the agenda. So we'll open it up. Cathy, are you Well, let me know. Am I supposed to go to public comment first, or we go into the taskforce.

1:06:39 Juell Stewart: We're gonna go to the public comment first. And then we'll come back to the task force. So does any, would any members of the public likes? Comment on item number three? I see Taisha (sp) Brown. I see that you're unmuted, but we can't hear you.

1:07:13 Taisha Brown: Can you hear me now? Thank you. Okay. I apologize. I don't know, what was either three?

1:07:25 Juell Stewart: I'm just talking about the expectations and the, the timeline that we have for for the committee. We're having a little bit of trouble understanding. It's a little distorted. Oh, I'm gonna try again. I think it's gotten a little better. Sorry, this was just a zoom challenge.

1:07:59 Taisha Brown: I understand. Is this better? So I spend most of my day on the statewide Reparations call. And so is this like a committee connected to that? Are you just concerned, Black people coming together to talk about Reparations?

1:08:28 Juell Stewart: Director, would you like to speak to the relationship between this body and the statewide Reparations committee?

1:08:33 Dr. Davis: So this one is a San Francisco specific. And it's focused on San Francisco. We are fortunate that Reverend Brown is serving on this committee as well as the statewide committee. And we have strong connections with the Governor and with the folks who are leading that, but they are two separate ones that will inform each other and I think also in form of national strategy.

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Reverend Brown: I am the Vice Chair of the State.

1:09:00 Dr. Davis: And Reverend Brown is the Vice Chair of the State Reparations Committee. So he's gonna make sure...

1:09:09 Taisha Brown: Thank you. I just I will share that I am Taisha Brown, the Chair of the California Democratic Party Black Caucus. I too, am very involved with the Governor and the

Legislators Reggie Jones Sawyer and Senator Bradford. So thank you for allowing me to speak and I'm looking forward to the conversation.

1:09:45 **Juell Stewart:** Thank you, and thank you for joining us. We have a question in the Q&A. Someone typed in Patricia some of them will the monthly be meetings be open to the public? Yes, and we will be notifying the public ahead. At least 72 hours ahead of time. And yes, it will be open to the public.

1:10:05 **Dr. Davis:** And hopefully we'll move once we move to the agenda, we'll work through with the group here to identify the standing monthly meeting date.

1:10:13 **Juell Stewart:** And from Athena Edwards, will they be regular progress reports on the status of research.

1:10:19 **Dr. Davis:** That is our intent, that is our hope. And so, you know, that is, again, the role of this body. So some of what we'll talk about in the upcoming agenda items will be to get into the weeds of that. And that's where we want to leverage the knowledge and intellect of experience on this work of folks in the ground, on the ground and in community, as well as the academic support of Professor Taylor and Reverend Brown.

1:10:45 **Juell Stewart:** Thank you. And the Next comment is from Cedric Jackson.

1:10:56 **Dr. Cedric Jackson:** Hi, everybody, again, again, thank you for your work. And thank you from the state. Also, one of the things that I would hope that would come out of any distribution of money would be the establishment of our own financial institution, where that distribution is then controlled by members of the community that can be elected to an advisory body or Board. But I would hope that we use every opportunity that we get to empower our community, we don't have any Black institutions, if there is any distribution of money, it shouldn't come to a city agency, it should come to the establishment of a Black bank or credit union, our finance our, our, our religious institutions, if they all got together and did have financial, Federal Credit Union, we wouldn't have to worry about loans or or not being able to receive mortgage, you know, like, Okay, but I'm, I'm rambling a little bit, but I just hope that...

1:12:08 **Dr. Davis:** This is on agenda items, specifically on the expectations of the committee, and the structure. So the roles and responsibilities ultimately of this committee.

1:12:20 **Dr. Cedric Jackson:** Yeah, and I'm just talking, I'm talking towards the roles and responsibility. And I hope that is to empower the community at every, every footstep.

1:12:29 **Juell Stewart:** Thank you. Thank you, and the Next comment is from Ranan Ross.

1:12:35 **Ranan Ross:** Thank you so much. I'm a 54 year old man who's literally sitting here in tears. This is just an amazing moment. It is historical on so many levels for our city, and for us as Black people. In regards to Agenda number three, I want to say that I love each and every one of you guys for for taking on this role, because it is so critical, I hope in my fervent hope is that this process from today forward will be codified in a law in our city charter, that this will be what it is moving forward in infinity and that no administration in the future will be able to determine it eliminated or alternate to a negative sense at any form. So I'm hoping that the expectation is that this will be the beginning of greatness that will stand the test of time as long as humanity is present. And I just want to say thank you to all of you. I'm like looking at the faces I see been your dad would be so proud right now. Just thank you to all of you really appreciate it. Thank you.

1:13:52 **Juell Stewart:** Thank you. And so we're going to try to... some of them are coming in through the Q&A function. There's one question there. Is there an established framework for what Reparations is or means or is that still being established?

1:14:07 **Dr. Davis:** That is what this committee will work on for the city-wide language and framework? That's one of the expectations that this group will meet.

1:14:20 **Juell Stewart:** Thank you and Jamil Patterson has a comment next.

1:14:29 **Jamil Patterson:** I have a question. Um, because I know that the state is getting involved. So I know Reparations passed locally in the city. So is there a plan to take this statewide?

1:14:41 **Dr. Davis:** Well, the state body the state created their own Reparations group which may be Reverend Brown at a future meeting you. You can represent and share more on that but there's a statewide body that also launched.

1:15:05 **Alicia Mayo:** I want to say thank you to Anietie Ekanem. He was the only member on the committee who reached out to me as a media a member to let me know that this meeting was happening along with, of course, Dr. Davis's department, at the Human Resources, I mean, Human Rights Commission. I would like to make sure that all of the rest of the committee members know that there should be a responsibility to reach out to more of us in the public sphere or on social media, just to remind all of us of what you're up to, and what you're doing so that we can support you ultimately. That's it. Thank you.

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Dr. Davis: Thank you. And hopefully, they will have more time to do that and with more notice than what I gave them last time.

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Juell Stewart: thank you. We have one Q&A from Shirley Ellsworth. Hi, as we could continue to open in person, do you envision continuing to have zoom meetings?

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Dr. Davis: We will. That's one of the things we'll talk about in trying to see which item number it is, but on item four, I think the next item will talk about that.

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Juell Stewart: Thank you. And then one of our panelists has Dr. Reverend Brown. I see you have your hand up.

1:16:51 **Dr. Davis:** Public comment is now closed. Right?

1:16:55 **Juell Stewart:** Well, there is one in the Q&A. Oh, wait, did Ranon Ross?

1:17:02 **Dr. Davis:** You can talk on the one on an item once. And and then once we will have to close and then go to committee.

1:17:11 **Juell Stewart:** All right. If no one else from the public has any comments. public testimony is now closed. Thank you. And we can go on to our our committee members for discussion.

1:17:31 **Reverend Brown:** Oh, we'll be strong and realistic. To the end that, though we have this committee. Together. The struggle goes on. I have witnessed the unfinished agenda under Mayor Jordan. I witnessed migration report under Mayor Newsom. I know about the consent decree. And each of us has a moral obligation. Fight the good fight, intelligently, consistently and not be deluded into thinking that Reparations are right around the corner. We have this 2022 election coming up. And we ought to be making contact with all of our significant others, family members, neighbors, associates, and make sure that they are registered to vote. But after all, you have politicians who look at votes. We got to do better than we've done in our community in terms of making sure that every one of us contacts 10 persons, encourage them to be registered, be informed. And vote the right way, for the right person who's gonna be supporting real Reparations, and not just the idea the concept and a resolution about it.

1:19:40 **Dr. Davis:** Thank you, Reverend Brown. I think that's a really good point in terms of what you said and I think that was hitting on what Ranan also said in terms of the expectation is not to just submit a report. I think that hopefully you will want it to be adopted and implemented which means it has to be able to withstand whoever is sitting on the Board of Supervisors or serving as Mayor, and not something that can be easily erased.

1:20:08 **Anietie Ekanem:** Thank you so much. So a few things for me. One is to recognize that these are the maximum times, right, for each one of those stages. And so we should recognize that and I would love to sort of see if we can actually work a little faster in like in some areas, right, I'm just sort of get these things in. That's one. Two, when we take a look at especially the final report, I want to sort of see exactly how that lines up to the budgeting process, right, specifically, like in that year. So if we don't do it in time to get into the budget cycle, right, that means this is going to be another year. So we're at the front end, and I want to make sure that we calendar things out the best that we can, so that we can actually make sure that these things can get enacted within the infrastructure that's already in place. And then lastly, as part of our group, in our meeting, once one of the I actually worked with, had the opportunity to be part of the California Democratic Party Black Caucus, Deputy Communications Chair. One of the things that we do for our meetings is that we actually started off with a libation ceremony, right, when we actually remember our ancestors too. So in addition to the Ramaytush Ohlone Land Acknowledgement, we actually do that. And that's one of the things I'd like to sort of have us explore, as part of this Black group, this African American group, and doing some things that might be different from others, but are inherently our own.

1:21:33 **Dr. Davis:** Yeah, thank you for that. Appreciate that. And then I would just say for everyone to be thinking about when we talk about timelines, which I know we'll hit next. December is really when the Mayor's Budget Office starts the budget process, right? departments have to make their decisions or make their recommendations the first round in December to the Mayor's Office. So it's not may it's not March, it really should be December. And so as we think about building out our timeline, those are really good points to be considering. And Professor Taylor.

1:22:10 **James Lance Taylor:** Just real quickly, I just wanted to respond to one of the comments that was made. And just remind us in terms of thinking about the impossibility of the big challenge in front of us, just just keep in mind that Black Lives Matter started in Oakland, right? Kaepernick in San Francisco, right? And, you know, the issue of we, America didn't, but he thought it was impossible (unintelligible). Instead of maybe, maybe, now, legalizing, right. And in marriage equality, who imagined marriage equality, you know, a few years ago? But that happened at the, you know, the City Hall steps of San Francisco. I don't know what's happening to me.

1:23:02 **Dr. Davis:** Oh, no, we just turn your camera off.

1:23:04 **James Lance Taylor:** Okay, good. Okay, good. Sounds my final comment, we just simply just to remind us that both marijuana legalization and marriage equality were locally instituted first. Thank you, Billy as possibilities, and then..... I want to respond to this. I just want us to remember not only the local thing, but okay, but that San Francisco is part of this specifically.

1:23:37 **Dr. Davis:** I think that somebody else had their hand up, I thought? No. on the call, you had your hand up? Did you take it down?

1:23:54 **Unknown Speaker:** No, my internet went off. I'm sorry. I apologize for that. Um, yeah, I just want to say about the timeline. My number one hope is that we actually don't limit ourselves. Like I don't want to come to the very first conversation about what we want lemonade, or what they not going to do, or we don't have enough money. I feel like over 400 years ago, white people sat down and they said exactly what they was gonna do. And they have budgets and they created budgets. Anytime you say we're gonna give you \$5 to go catch that Black person who's running away that slaves, they found \$5. Right? They found that money. So I feel like I don't want us to limit ourselves at all. I want us to come aggressively with what we want. And I'm not here for just today. I'm here for my great, great, great, great, great, great greats. When they look back and say with us part of the ancestors have done. I want them to be like I can't whoever in the comments was like um, about state taxes. Absolutely. I'm here for it all. So I want to just encourage us don't come with, what, I don't think that's gonna work. I don't want to hear, we need to take out the don'ts, the cant's, the wont's from the very beginning. We're gonna work backwards, we're going to go to the roof and get everything. And then we can talk about money, because like I said, they found \$5, way back hundreds of years ago, right? And they killed us. Right? And they got everything, all that labor I was I'm not, I'm not gonna change topics. But we've lost millions of hours of trying to build our wealth, because we're dealing with, you know, losing loved ones to violence where we don't have time to, you know, to stress. We have men out of the household, we've lost so much. So let's not limit ourselves in this timeline. Let's go hard. Let's start at the top and keep on climbing. We went backwards at some point. But right now, I don't want to hear don't cant's wont's? None of that. All right. Deal. No, I'm just kidding. Okay. I guess that goes to a vote right. Thank you.

1:26:07 **Tinisch Hollins:** Thank you, Dr. Davis, we were just listening to everyone's comments. And I know that we're talking about process, which is important and things that we want to make sure that we consider I'm really glad that we have Dr. Brown's representation at state level. And you know, in my regular nine to five, I work in state policy, and I'm really, really glad that we are taking that into consideration California is the is the nation's fifth largest economy. And you know, while

we're here in Tulsa, one of the things that has really not been lost upon us is that folks who come from California, specifically from San Francisco, Black folks from San Francisco, we think and movement operate differently. We have a little bit of a different agency because of our proximity to wealth, that a lot of other places in the United States do not. And then for sure, in terms of our ability to be able to influence and make decisions because we have a Black woman Mayor, because we have a Black President of the Board of Supervisors. And so we know that this the reason why this taskforce has been convened, is because we're leveraging all of that collective power. But it's also relevant to every other Black community in the United States. It's not lost on us that we have an obligation to really model what this can and should look like. And folks are looking to us for that direction, being in places where we are seeing in the national news, that there has been an investment here in Tulsa and then being here on the ground and seeing the lack of investment, it's going to be critical that we are transparent and how we tell the story of what we're doing and how we're doing it. And so I really appreciate that we had someone here, who was representative of the media. I think we need to make sure we have Black media, you know, attending these meetings and being a part of recording the story in the narrative of how we're doing this work. And then making sure that we're sharing this information with folks across the country who are thinking about how to approach this in their areas where they may not have this influence or may not have the relationship. So I just appreciate everybody's comments about thinking outside of the box. As we look at timelines, let's also continue to be mindful of the state and federal opportunities that are coming out in ways that we can tell the story or continue to uplift the work through all those decisions, or opportunities and where we can advocate to make sure that that we just stay present in the conversation because people are looking to us. Thank you.

1:28:46 **Dr. Davis:** So Juell can you call and I'm going to make a recommendation. So there's a couple of things. Because I realize it's probably better for me to share, I was trying to look at the just put my agenda down. It's probably better for me to share the information from previous meetings with you all beforehand. And then you can review it before the next meeting versus trying to go over it tonight. And then and then the same thing with presenting ideas or suggestions for future speakers or presentation. So again, those two items, we potentially can have somebody make a motion to to put those on the next agenda versus trying to go through that tonight. And then what I did want to do is just come back to, when Juell does number four, is for us to at least maybe figure out if not when the series of meetings will be but when the next meeting will be and to also talk about the the frequency and the other components of this work. So let's see, Juell call the next item.

4. MEETING CALENDAR AND TIMELINE (*Action Item*)

Public Comment

1:29:55 **Juell Stewart:** Okay. The next item on the agenda is the meeting calendar and timeline. And would any, any members of the public like to comment on this item? You can you just remind you can use the raise hand symbol at the bottom of the screen to indicate that you'd like to speak.

1:30:18 **Dr. Davis:** I think we already did public comment on tweet, what are we doing?

1:30:23 **Juell Stewart:** We did public comment for number three. And now we're going for number four, because we have to do public comment and then the discussion.

1:30:31 **Dr. Davis:** Right, but we haven't so I think, but we haven't actually talked about number four. Yep. So.

1:30:37 **Juell Stewart:** Yeah, I'm okay. Yeah, we're supposed to have a public comment first. But if you want to do the discussion, okay, sorry. Sorry. All right.

1:30:50 **Dr. Davis:** We haven't. There's nothing for them to come in on yet. I'm sorry. So basically, the proposal is to meet monthly, right? The question is, like, when we do these meetings, they're not necessarily, we could have them time bound, where folks could say, from four to six, or, you know, but that basically, the advisory committee is supposed to have monthly meetings, so not less than once each month. And then we need to select a Chair or elected Chair, and other officers as, as this body deems appropriate. So basically, you know, the question is tonight, to really establish monthly meetings at a minimum, and then to talk about what the other pieces are in terms of what the group would like to do. And to also talk about the structure of how you all want the meetings to happen. So right now, I'm kind of facilitating, but there would be a Chair of this group. So that is the that's the question is we talk about the monthly meeting, the meeting schedule, and, um, and electing officers and so that, unfortunately, it's not something that that we do have to have this discussion first. Right. So frequency, as it is standing, is it every Tuesday, every first Tuesday, is it? You know, time of day, all of that? I see Mr. McDonald has his hand up. Oh, you're muted, Eric.

1:32:33 **Eric McDonald:** Thanks, Dr. Davis. So I would propose the second Tuesday of each month, I'm hesitant to suggest time bounding the meeting time binding the meeting, simply because of how much ground we need to cover. And appreciating all that has already been said in terms of expediency and really going hard as they say. So I was again, and then I'd recommend a Yeah, I think the 6pm works. I'm sorry, the 5pm start time works. So that would be my recommendation.

1:33:14 **Reverend Brown:** On Tuesdays, we're getting in the way of School Board, the Board of Supervisors, I would like to suggest that we consider a Thursday.

1:33:37 **Laticia Erving:** Thank you. I was gonna second that comment about the school Board. And that's just being careful of other things. We're talking about the equity and the justice that has to happen across San Francisco. So we don't want to have meetings on the same nights of really important meetings. And then I know Thursday is a typical meeting that doesn't is usually open, but selfishly I do have the African American Parent Advisory Council that is super important to our district to and that happens on Thursdays. pretty important to our city, not our district important to our city because other Black family voices.

1:34:09 **Dr. Davis:** Is it every Thursday, Laticia?

1:34:11 **Laticia Erving:** It's typically the third Thursday, but there is a leadership team that does meet every Thursday and I can potentially try to move it it has been difficult in the past. But if this if the consensus of the group says Thursday, then I will try my best.

1:34:26 **Anietie Ekanem:** So for me, two Tuesdays are out since I've set on a another commission. And our subcommittees also meet like on Tuesdays. Thursday, is a potential, potentially even Wednesday, I love the idea of actually having it after the nine to five, because many of us do work during that time. So I'd be willing to do either a Wednesday or Thursday, five to seven or whatever.

1:34:56 **Dr. Davis:** Any other thoughts, comments?

1:35:04 **Reverend Brown:** Police Commission is on Wednesdays.

1:35:07 **Dr. Davis:** So and then, Laticia you'll ask then if Mondays are possible.

1:35:18 **Laticia Erving:** I would just say Mondays are typically harder, it means people really do have to be committed, because sometimes it's hard to remind people for Monday and But again, it's it's really up to this body. Laticia Erving: I'm sorry, Dr. Davis, why my hand is still raised? I understand. And I also think that maybe there's holidays on Monday, so that might get in the way of things. Every day, we have said doesn't seem to work except for Fridays. I know there are a lot of folks who don't like meeting on Fridays works for me. But I'd like to put that out there as a possibility.

1:35:53 **Dr. Davis:** And just remember, this is once a month. So you know, again, potentially it could be first Thursday's. It could be and I will say for us we have the Commission has meetings on second and fourth Thursdays. And then we typically do have meetings on Mondays and Fridays too. So I don't think we'll ever get 100% I think we're gonna have to figure out what's the best for most and hope that people can make the once a month happen.

1:36:20 **Nikcole Cunningham:** I just wanted to add that some people may be going back into the office, so maybe push into 5:30 might be a little more helpful for everyone. You know, just FYI. Because we I know we're getting to the agenda I'm talking about in person meetings too. So just want to put that out there.

1:36:41 **Dr. Davis:** So right now we we literally have named every day of the week. Have we named a weekend? I'm just kidding.

1:36:59 **Reverend Brown:** Monday, the first Monday.

1:37:04 **Dr. Davis:** So it looks like we have Wednesday or Thursday. Wednesdays are best for some folks. And again, there is the Police Commission has a Wednesday that they don't meet so we could theoretically propose the Wednesday that they they don't meet. This seems to me. like we maybe are not going to have DCCC is fourth Wednesday. Police Commission Wednesdays. So looks like we're getting closer to like Monday or Friday. For folks. Does Monday. Absolutely not work? I know some folks put Wednesday or Thursday works best for them. Is Monday off the table for folks?

1:37:55 **Daniel Landry:** Dr. Davis, this is Daniel. I for me, Mondays and Fridays are the days that would work for me.

1:38:05 **Reverend Brown:** We're going first Monday.

1:38:07 **Dr. Davis:** Well, we're going to give that a shot. So this is we're saying first Monday. So hopefully that is not that's going to be July 5 would be the next one of these. But we would actually have to do some additional meetings outside of that anyway. Because the Fourth of July is on a Sunday this year, which means that probably Monday is the holiday.

1:38:33 **Laticia Erving:** It is. For the next one, can we find a different day and then moving forward, it will be the first Monday. That's a just a thought.

1:38:46 **Dr. Davis:** Shakeyla you had your hand up and then I mean, second Monday, we could try for the next week. And then so my thing is that what I will do is we'll work with folks offline, I worry about doing too much tabling because we'll probably end up always having to do that. So you know, I'm going to be the you know, I'm whoever becomes the Chair will have to do this, like we're not going to be able to get 100% and at some point in time, we're just gonna have to make some hard decisions in order to keep it moving. Anietie has already said he'd like for us to be ahead of the head of the deadlines. And so if we keep tabling we will we'll definitely not do that. So let's let's

um, I'm just trying to read what is in. So let's say let's say, the first, let's say second Monday for now. Let's say second Mondays are when we're going to meet so that we would say July 12 and then we'll move forward and then we'll let's plan for July 12 for July, and then we will make some decisions about August after that. But we will also be working to have some groups may After that, so right now second Monday, July 12, will be our next meeting 5:30pm. And we may alternate between first and second Mondays because of the holidays that are happening, but July 12, and then we'll look at August. 5:30, they will not be time bound. And so I would just ask people to be prepared, because once we start public comment, once we start having actual conversations, and if we actually begin to do hybrid and be able to meet in person, our meetings may go a little bit longer. So for folks to be prepared for that. And we will plan to do hybrid, and then until such time that folks feel totally comfortable or until, I believe City Hall opens up June 15, which means that we'll be able to be having meetings in that space again. So we'll we'll again play that by ear forward.

1:40:58 Reverend Brown: Since we are going through all these historical moments, the Juneteenth is coming up. We we're talking about Reparations. Are we remembering Greenwood, Elaine Arkansas, Clinton Mississippi. You know them all. I'm sure many of you do. We are to make a crash effort to make this Juneteenth celebration of high quality and getting our faith communities, our civil rights community, our community based community. So they will see us making some intelligent, peaceful, strong noise. And I hope that we can think about that. As to whom we should contact and talk up, sing up, shout up prayer Juneteenth. That's our day. But we can do better than what we've been doing before. Every Black face on the scene somewhere around like they do for Chinese New Year. Japanese Cherry Blossom. The other what was the other activity over then the Mission? Carnival? Yes, even some of us back home. It's alright, good to be able to be inclusive. But its high time that we got to show the world that we are united.

1:42:46 Dr. Davis: So I guess that is a thing for the calendar, the meetings. And so maybe that is a call for folks to participate and support and call other folks out to participate in Juneteenth events? So I know that folks have been beginning to collect that we will Juell and I will follow up and get that information to folks so that this body can move forward. So the one thing I want to make sure that we do tonight is that so then we can also open it up to public comment on this item number four in terms of the meeting, calendar and timeline. So we've already established July 12. The other piece of that is the meeting structure itself. And so, you know, I don't know if you all want to wait till the next time around to vote on Chair or if folks want to say that they're interested in Chair or what other positions folks would like to see happen as a part of this body or what structure you'd like to see happen. So we ultimately, what we do know is that the agenda has to be set ahead of time, the agenda has to be run by our city attorney, and that the agenda has to be posted at least 72 hours before. If we change the meeting locale, so like this meeting is now virtual if we move to

in person, I believe Kathy, is it 14 days or 10 days that we have to give a notice if we're changing the way and place that we meet? 14 days. So if we decide that we will do a hybrid or that we will have an in person meeting, and that meeting will be a City Hall, it will have to have 14 days notice. So I'm just saying that in terms of whoever is going to be Chair will have to work very closely with us to make sure that we are doing the agendas that they're being agenda that they're being properly noticed and that they are being vetted by the city attorney before we post them. So putting all of that out there because whoever will be Chairing Juell, Cathy, David Miree, who is on, and De'Anthony Jones who is on will be supporting but that that responsibility. Cathy has been great, Juell is going to get, is getting great at this. We typically work to have a script to support to know that. You know, you need to call for public comment. You need to close public comments. You need to go through x, y and z. So just asking and putting that out there, so then we can open it up to public comment and just in terms of what's the will of the body, the structure, and then once we've made that decision, there are a couple things that need to happen. Tonight, we need a motion to actually say that we're going to meet that this body has would like to meet on July 12. And this body would vote on it, then we need a motion also for what the structure of the will of the body is and this body would vote on that and then we would go through the process. Not this time because Cathy, I think we have to now we have to notice the vote right? For the the elected position.

1:45:56 Cathy Mulkey Meyer: Yes, we noticed the vote for selecting the meeting but not the elected position.

1:46:04 Dr. Davis: Yeah, right. So we noticed the the meeting so we can vote on the the meeting date, we would have to notice voting on the Chair. So that was not on the agenda. So we cannot vote. That's the other thing. We have to make distinctions between discussion items, and action items. If it's an action item, it has to be noticed as such, so that so that folks who may want to weigh in on it can weigh in as well.

1:46:32 Motion to hold the next meeting of the African American Reparations Advisory Committee on July 12, 2021 at 5:30pm: 1st Gloria Berry, 2nd Reverend Amos Brown.

1:46:41 Juell Stewart: Actually I will go through this just for formality sake, I'm going to go through everybody and you can say Aye or nay. Just from your Chair, in order of your Chair, or sorry, in order of your like position on the committee.

Affirmative: James Lance Taylor, Tinisch Hollins, Eric McDonnell, Rev. Amos Brown, Nikcole Cunningham, Gloria Berry, Daniel Landry, Gwendolyn Brown, Starr Williams, Shakeyla O'Cain, Yolanda Harris, Tiffany Walker-Carter, Laticia Erving, Anietie Ekanem

Dissent: None

Absent: Omerede Hamilton

Motion passes with 14 Affirmative Votes.

1:48:02 **Juell Stewart:** Okay, so the motion to have the next meeting on July 12. passes. With 14 votes. Yes.

1:48:17 **Dr. Davis:** That is correct. Thank you. So the next piece of this is just for you all to have the conversation, but we will agendaize for the next meeting to vote on a Chair. And so if folks have thoughts or desires or whatnot, you can feel free or if they're things that you want to say in terms of whether we should have a Chair or Vice Chair, and other positions. Now would be the time to say so.

1:48:54 **Gloria Berry:** I move that at our next meeting, we vote on a Chair and discuss Vice Chair possibility.

1:49:12 **Nikcole Cunningham:** My question was, are what like what are the roles? Is it just a Chair or Vice Chair? Is that like you don't need a Vice Chair? Like, do we discuss that now? Or because you said something about communicating through email when it's more than eight people as you go through? Because I'm like, do you break up the email to be seven? And you know, how does that? Yeah, how did that work?

1:49:34 **Dr. Davis:** For the most part, I would ask that we you go through Juell, for like emailing the group, and then she would blind copy folks within it's not you don't see each other's responses. The importance of a Vice Chair would just be so that if the Chair is unable to make it that there's already somebody ready that understands that they would then be prepped, and then it also is the main role of the Chair is to facilitate the meeting. Right to help it move forward, to connect all the dots and to really be the representative of this body at such time as something is needed. For instance, if there is a presentation needed to the Board, it would be something. Yes, the HRC will be there and will support but that ultimately you all of the members of the body, we're here to support you and not necessarily to, to dictate how this body moves forward.

1:50:24 **Nikcole Cunningham:** Is there something? Is it? Are those the only two roles or is there something like a sergeant of arms? And then I wonder if because Gloria mentioned about, you know, picking the people in the next one. I wonder if we can they all can be chosen in the next one, because we can move forward. But in between there, I wonder if there are people who have a burning desire for those roles? Is that something that we can put on the table now at like a headcount? Because I just, I personally don't want to, I don't want to sound wrong, but I don't waste any time. There's people who want positions and no one's fighting over them. We can just kind of move forward with that.

1:51:06 **Reverend Brown:** Ms. Berry's motion was that it would be at the agenda at the next meeting, the election of a Chair and a Vice Chair. You got to have leadership, if you're going to go anywhere. This body needs to have the leadership in my estimation. That's what emotion was. Yeah.

1:51:26 **Dr. Davis:** And so we need a second on that motion.

1:51:29 **Reverend Brown:** I second the motion.

1:51:31 **Dr. Davis:** Great. And I think the question on the motion is, Will people, for lack of a better word divulge here, if they're interested in being the Chair, the Vice Chair so that folks can come ready next time to vote. But so Reverend Brown has seconded the motion? We have a discussion on the motion, and then we will go to and then before we vote, we'll see if there's any comment from the public. So Anietie and Eric, I thought I saw your hand as well.

1:51:59 **Anietie Ekanem:** Yeah, so a few things, do we need a secretary for life for this body? So in other areas, the Secretary would be someone who would actually sign on behalf of, in case any communication that might go like, like, between groups, or whatever else? So do we actually need a secretary for this, like other bodies do?

1:52:19 **Dr. Davis:** No. So typically, in other bodies, for instance, Cathy is the Secretary for the Human Rights Commission. This is being staffed by the Human Rights Commission. So we will record the meetings. We will take the transcripts from the meeting and make those available. We will help schedule meetings at city hall or wherever it is the virtual. So that is the role of the HRC to staff that we wouldn't want to put that put that roll on anyone here. And the other piece that I just forgot that we'll talk about at the next meeting. Is that, because we didn't agenda it, is that the potential for the members of this body to receive a stipend for participation. So folks have that option as well. But that's small money. I know, it's a lot of money for some folks, but it's not nearly

worth the time that you would take if we ask somebody to be the secretary of this body. It's a large text. Any other discussion? Oh, Eric,

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Eric McDonnell: So not on the vote. Yeah. We'll go ahead. Oh, it was just to say you just in terms of, I would be interested in Chair.

1:53:28 **Dr. Davis:** Okay. Professor Taylor

1:53:33 **James Lance Taylor:** I just wanted to add, in terms of process that we consider perhaps looking at this, the 15 seats, and evaluate those seats as as a priority of that we might see as be almost natural seat to represent the group in any specific capacity. So that we look, I mean, you know, the who is very important, of course, but I'm suggesting that given the, you know, democratic process and looking at all 15 seats, maybe we can look at the seats as a group and figure out from that, where we can go from there.

1:54:10 **Juell Stewart:** Thank you. Okay, there is a motion on the floor. And the motion is to vote on the officers in the next meeting and add that to the agenda. But before we go to the vote, I have to ask for public comment on this. Are there any members of the public who would like to comment on this particular item? Public comment is now open. You'll have two minutes to speak. And if you want to speak please raise press the raise hand feature on zoom. Okay, we have one member of the public, Phelicia Jones. Ms. Phelicia?

1:54:56 **Phelicia Jones:** Yes, I just would like to say that The Chairs and Vice Chairs, I think it's very important. But I also want people to be cognizant of what all they have on their plate, because taking on another role is very important. And this work is too important for someone to take on something, and you already are doing 10 or 15 other things. And so I just want everyone to be cognizant of that, that you would be able to give all your time to be in a Chair. And then in addition to being the Chair, you also have to give all your time and attention to being a task force member. So that's the only thing. As far as meeting dates and times, I just really feel that up to the task force. And we as the public will continue to support you on you know, your decisions, and, you know, let's go ahead and get this done, you know, but again, people who have a lot on their plate and you know, 8:00 to 5:00 jobs, and you're Chair of this and you're doing that particular work, and and now you want to be a Chair of this. So you know, let's just be cognizant of what you actually can do with excellence, rather than just having another appointment. Thank you.

1:56:15 **Juell Stewart:** Thank you. I see no more comments. would any other members of the public like to speak on item four? Okay. Well, seeing that there was no there are no other

comments, public testimony is now closed. And we have a motion on the floor to vote for to vote on the Chairs and positions in the next meeting. So I'm going to go through again and just say Aye Aye or nay?

Motion to vote for Chair and Vice Chair of the African American Reparations Advisory Committee during the July 12, 2021 meeting: 1st Gloria Berry, 2nd Reverend Amos Brown

1:46:41 **Juell Stewart:** Actually I will go through this just for formality sake, I'm going to go through everybody and you can say Aye or nay. Just from your Chair, in order of your Chair, or sorry, in order of your like position on the committee.

Affirmative: James Lance Taylor, Tinisch Hollins, Eric McDonnell, Rev. Amos Brown, Nikole Cunningham, Gloria Berry, Daniel Landry, Gwendolyn Brown, Omerede Hamilton, Starr Williams, Shakeyla O'Cain, Yolanda Harris, Tiffany Walker-Carter, Laticia Erving, Anietie Ekanem

Dissent: None

Absent: None

5. REVIEW INFORMATION FROM COMMUNITY MEETINGS *(Discussion Item)*

Public Comment

6. IDENTIFY POTENTIAL SPEAKERS AND PRESENTATIONS FOR MEETINGS *(Discussion Item)*

Public Comment

7. REVIEW RESPONSIBILITIES AND GOALS DEFINED IN THE ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE AFRICAN AMERICAN REPARATIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE, FILE NO. 201190 *(Discussion Item)*

Public Comment

1:58:21 **Dr. Davis:** And so now I would just ask if someone would move that we table items, five, six, and seven, for future meetings. And then we can, that way, then Juell and I can share with you the information from the previous community meetings, folks can gather and submit and think about potential speakers, and presentations for meetings in the future. And then we would use the next meeting really to go more into some of what Professor Taylor was talking about really getting into what everyone's seat represents what our research looks like, what our outreach looks like, what we should be doing outside of those meetings. So I would say even between now and then we may send you some material to read. And Professor Taylor, thanks for that. I think we may look into purchasing that book and being able to give copies of

that to the members of this committee. I know Reverend Brown has also some material that we should review. And then I will share with you the link to Derek Hamilton's Reparations event that he had happening the same time as this, to prepare to give you that homework for the next meeting. So if someone wants to move that we table, item five,

1:59:39 Motion to table items 5, 6, and 7 to be heard at a future meeting: 1st Anietie Ekanem ,
2nd Eric McDonnell

Affirmative: James Lance Taylor, Tinisch Hollins, Eric McDonnell, Rev. Amos Brown, Nikcole Cunningham, Gloria Berry, Daniel Landry, Gwendolyn Brown, Omerede Hamilton, Starr Williams, Shakeyla O'Cain, Yolanda Harris, Tiffany Walker-Carter, Laticia Erving, Anietie Ekanem

Dissent: None

Absent: None

2:00:59 Dr. Davis: Great. And so we'll send a little homework to follow up on those items there. Um, and then I think you can call the next item Juell.

8. ADJOURNMENT

2:01:15 Juell Stewart: Well, if we are, if we're tabling the rest of the agenda, then the next meeting of the African Americans Reparations Advisory Committee will be held on July 12 at seven at 5:30pm. Is there a motion to adjourn?

2:01:31 Eric McDonnell: Move to adjourn in honor of the commemorative efforts and activities happening in Tulsa today.

2:01:40 Juell Stewart: Thank you. Do we have a second?

2:01:42 James Lance Taylor: Second

2:01:43 Juell Stewart: Alright, great, then. Thank you. This was incredible. This is the end of our meeting. We are officially adjourned. And what an honor to be a part of this. Thank you very much. Have a great evening.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:02pm

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